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November 25, 2003

The Honorable Pat Miller
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
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IN RE: *Implementation of the Federal Communications Commission's Triennial Review*
Order (Nine Month Proceeding) (Loop and Transport) Docket No. 03-00527

Dear Director Miller:

The Consumer Advocate has had the opportunity to review your letter of November 13, 2003 and your subsequent order of November 20, 2003 regarding this matter. We are still trying to determine why neither of these documents reached the legal counsel in charge of this matter. We apologize for not responding to your November 13, 2003 by the deadline you prescribed.

We understand your order renders moot our efforts today. However, the Consumer Advocate is willing and able to meet the requirements set out in your letter of November 13, 2003.

There is at least one item in the response by BellSouth and CompSouth that merits mention at this time. The Consumer Advocate would expect all proof offered as evidence to be subject to the same rigors and standards applicable to all information offered as proof in matters of contest before the TRA.

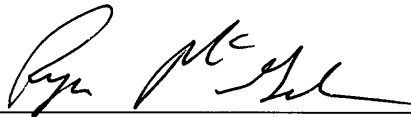
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Phillips", written over the printed name.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on November 25, 2003 an exact copy of the enclosed document was served on the parties of record, via electronic mail.



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